

Reading Skills and Comprehension Checklist
Responses to Non-fiction
(news reports, magazine articles, textbooks, etc.)

1. First things first
 - Identify title, author or sponsor, and kind of writing _____
2. Describe the context
 - Identify topic _____
 - Explain prior knowledge needed _____
3. Get to the heart of the matter
 - Explain the main idea(s) _____
 - Explain evidence given in support _____
 - Explain information communicated in graphics _____
4. Respond
 - Explain reactions to text _____
 - Ask questions _____
 - Explain how text connects to own knowledge of the world and personal experience _____
 - Explain how text connects to other subjects _____
 - Evaluate text _____
5. To finish off
 - Sequence comments _____
 - Answer questions _____